

Dr. Nichols, in the Journal of Chemistry, says:

The opinion we have always held with regard to the question of the green corn fodder for milch cows has been that when raised from broadcast sowing it is nearly worthless, but when sown in hills and drilled, and cultivated, with access of air and sunlight, it is of high value.

Stalks were collected from a field where the seed was sown broadcast, and also stalks growing in drills upon the same field, and they were dried in a drying closet, to expel the moisture.

Both specimens were planted at the same time (May 6), and it was found that the broadcast sowing contained ninety-two per cent. of water; those from drills, eighty-three per cent. of water. Thus it was shown that the difference of eight to seventeen per cent.

The solid matter was composed of starch, gum, sugar, and wooden fibers. There was almost an entire absence of sugar and gum in the stalks from the broadcast sowing, while the stalks that had grown under the influence of light and air, held these nutrient principles in considerable quantities.

The stalks were collected at the period of growth just before the ears begin to form, a period when most farmers begin to cut the fodder for their cows.

Our experiments upon corn fodder have afforded us important information upon other points. We find that the stalks cut before they reach a certain stage of growth are deficient in nutrient matter, and therefore it is a waste to feed them too early.

The corn plant, like all other vegetable structures, has but one object or aim in its growth, and that is to produce seed. It is engaged during its whole life in storing up large quantities of starch, which is to be used when the pressing occasion arrives, or the seed-vessels mature, to form to some subtle, mysterious changes, the rich nutrient principles which are found in seeds.

As soon as this struggle is over, the corn plant, like all animals, dies a natural death. It is not necessary for frost to strike it; it dies from simple exhaustion. The proper time to cut and feed corn stalks is during the four or five weeks succeeding inflorescence, or in other words, they should not be until the flower is fairly developed, and the ear commences to form; and any corn that is so planted, that the ear cannot form and mature, is practically worthless as fodder.

Periods during the season; some fields quite early, others somewhat later, and still others as late as is safe. In this way, when the hot, dry months of July and August are reached, and the pastures fail, a supply of fodder is secured at a proper stage of maturity, to afford the largest amount of nutrient.

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